

Weekly Energy News, January 17, 2013

Compiled by the Region 8 Librarians, ASRC Primus contractors

Note: Many newspapers are beginning to adopt subscription policies to govern access to their online editions. In some cases, this involves the creation of a free user account; in others, paid subscription is necessary to view more than a set number of articles (usually 20) per month. If you have difficulty accessing the news articles you need, please contact the library (library-reg8@epa.gov) for assistance.

Letters: BLM standing in the way of oil shale development; Leasing public lands only way to answer the energy-water question
<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20130114/ARCHIVES01/130119946/1109&parentprofile=1074>

Letters: Dig deeper on energy needs for oil shale development; Oil shale industry's water consumption was overstated
<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20130113/VALLEYNEWS/130119963/1109&parentprofile=1074>

The problems with letting residents testify on drilling rules
<http://blogs.denverpost.com/eletters/2013/01/12/problems-letting-residents-testify-drilling-rules/20742/>

It's a happy new year for wind power in Colorado
<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20130113/OPINION03/301130040/It-s-happy-new-year-wind-power-Colorado>

Council to discuss oil, gas regs at Tuesday session
<http://www.gazette.com/articles/city-149670-session-council.html>

State OKs tough rules
Environmental groups say moratorium needed
http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/state-oks-tough-rules/article__bed26aba-5d3a-11e2-96ab-001a4bcf887a.html

Environmental group questions UM's objectivity in coal studies
http://missoulian.com/news/local/environmental-group-questions-um-s-objectivity-in-coal-studies/article__75eff310-5d41-11e2-8d29-0019bb2963f4.html

Forest Service challenges mining claims in North Fork Clearwater
<http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/forest-service-challenges-mining-claims->

in-north-fork-clearwater/article_36d82652-5db4-11e2-a51e-001a4bcf887a.html

Environmental group questions UM's objectivity in coal studies

http://missoulian.com/news/local/environmental-group-questions-um-s-objectivity-in-coal-studies/article_75eff310-5d41-11e2-8d29-0019bb2963f4.html

Wind tax credit unlikely to affect Wyoming

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/wind-tax-credit-unlikely-to-affect-wyoming/article_6655e345-1754-5988-91d5-687111b97241.html

Revett decision next week

Federal officials review mine; Shanahan is less optimistic

http://www.thewesternnews.com/news/local/article_55ca496c-5c26-11e2-bab4-0019bb2963f4.html

Tribal chairman asks state to share oil wealth

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/tribal-chairman-asks-state-to-share-oil-wealth/article_8b9e5d2e-5b6f-11e2-b70b-0019bb2963f4.html

Letter: Support natural resources for future use

<http://www.argusleader.com/article/20130113/VOICES05/301130019/Letter-Support-natural-resources-future-use>

Governor's energy summit highlights stark divide

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/55606694-90/bigger-center-clean-energy.html.csp>

Trio of Utah congressmen slam environmental law at energy summit

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865570433/Trio-of-Utah-congressmen-slam-environmental-law-at-energy-summit.html>

Utah congressmen push for more energy development in Utah, environmental groups push back

<http://www.kuer.org/post/utah-congressmen-push-more-energy-development-utah-environmental-groups-push-back>

2013 Governor's Energy Development Summit: advancing our energy future

<http://utahpolicy.com/bookmark/21328312-2013-Governor-s-Energy-Development-Summit-Advancing-our-Energy-Future->

Regulators find nothing scary about fracking

<http://www.standard.net/stories/2013/01/10/regulators-find-nothing-scary-about-fracking>

Fracking boom: Curbs needed until more is known

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinion/55621920-82/fracking-gas-energy-environment.html.csp>

Energy summit: Policies make Utahns the losers

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinion/55592596-82/energy-utah-renewable-development.html.csp>

Congress extends wind tax credit, but few foresee benefits to Wyoming projects

http://trib.com/business/energy/congress-extends-wind-tax-credit-but-few-foresee-benefits-to/article_3b23d1dc-0d85-5fe7-b008-3874f3d4fa45.html

Wyo gains one rig

http://trib.com/business/energy/wyo-gains-one-rig/article_697a5b05-548a-5d14-963a-1191e8afa0ae.html

Judge allows wildlife groups to challenge drilling project

http://trib.com/business/energy/judge-allows-wildlife-groups-to-challenge-drilling-project/article_ceda3fce-9f9f-5333-94fd-339fd73a14a4.html

Bill to allow radioactive waste storage in Wyoming advances

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/bill-to-allow-radioactive-waste-storage-in-wyoming-advances/article_6770ead0-0adb-5030-937d-ce2b474fa18a.html

EPA under fire for thrice-delayed Pavillion investigation

http://trib.com/business/energy/epa-under-fire-for-thrice-delayed-pavillion-investigation/article_e4318896-e2fa-5d1b-9b1e-798b1f7a6e5f.html

Rep. Lummis appointed to US House Subcommittee on Energy

<http://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/rep-lummis-appointed-us-house-subcommittee-energy>

Lawmakers look abroad for new coal markets in state income discussions

<http://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/lawmakers-look-abroad-new-coal-markets-state-income-discussions>

Coal Loses Crown As King Of Power Generation

<http://www.npr.org/2013/01/11/169153322/coal-loses-crown-as-king-of-power-generation>

Energy Industry Awaits U.S. Ruling on Prairie Chicken

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/13/us/oil-gas-and-wind-industries-await-ruling-on-prairie-chicken.html?ref=earth>

Yoko Ono Takes Fight Against Gas Drilling to Albany

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/12/nyregion/yoko-ono-in-albany-raises-her-voice-against-hydraulic-fracturing.html?ref=earth>

Would Exporting the Natural Gas Surplus Help The Economy, or Hurt?

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/11/would-exporting-the-natural-gas-surplus-help->

[the-economy-or-hurt/](#)

Shell Violated Air Permits for Arctic Ships, E.P.A. Says

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/11/shell-violated-air-permits-for-arctic-ships-e-p-a-says/>

Cyberstalkers Threaten Pipeline Security

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/10/cyberstalkers-threaten-pipeline-security/>

Shell May Have Moved Rig to Avoid Taxes-U.S. Lawmaker

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2013/01/11/business/11reuters-usa-shell-markey.html?scp=5&sq=epa&st=nyt>

BP Seeks 17 Percent Reduction of Macondo Oil Spill Total

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2013/01/11/business/11reuters-bp-spill-total.html?scp=1&sq=%22clean+water+act%22&st=nyt>

BP Seeks Judge's Ruling on Size of Gulf Oil Spill

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/11/us/ap-us-gulf-oil-spill.html?scp=4&sq=%22clean+water+act%22&st=nyt>

Some UK Energy Efficiency Firms May Breach Consumer Law-OFT

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2013/01/10/business/10reuters-britain-energy-efficiency.html?scp=22&sq=%22climate+change%22&st=nyt>

Fight Over Vt. Nuclear Plant Oversight in NY Court

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/13/us/ap-us-vermont-yankee.html?scp=6&sq=%22renewable+energy%22&st=nyt>

Groups Deliver Cases of Comments on NY Gas Regs

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/11/us/ap-us-gas-drilling-regulations.html?scp=7&sq=fracking&st=nyt>

'FRACKNATION'; A Flip Side to the Attack on Fracking [movie review]

<http://movies.nytimes.com/2013/01/11/movies/fracknation-a-documentary.html?scp=1&sq=fracking&st=nyt>

IEA Head Sees Further Decline in Crude Production Unlikely in 2013

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323596204578241572348185646.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

EPA Cites Shell Arctic Rig for Air-Permit Violations

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324581504578235660329916572.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

EPA issues Shell notices of air pollution coming from its Arctic drilling operation
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/epa-issues-shell-notices-of-air-pollution-coming-from-its-arctic-drilling-operation/2013/01/11/b6563dba-5c24-11e2-b8b2-0d18a64c8dfa_story.html

A 65-year history of drilling in the Thompson Divide
<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20130115/VALLEYNEWS/130119944/1065&parentprofile=1074>

Fight fracking to protect real treasure — our families, homes
<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20130114/OPINION04/301140035/Fight-fracking-protect-real-treasure-our-families-homes>

ConocoPhillips selling some assets for \$1.05B
http://billingsgazette.com/business/conocophillips-selling-some-assets-for-b/article_c1a5a7c5-5fb4-5954-b434-120387a88da8.html

Gillette mayor will sit on national energy panel
http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/gillette-mayor-will-sit-on-national-energy-panel/article_d16586c8-99c0-53d6-aa21-75c5e81ec3ef.html

Editorial: Feds need to aid coal production, not kill it
http://trib.com/opinion/editorial/feds-need-to-aid-coal-production-not-kill-it/article_b421caa1-e9ac-5420-a6c3-9bf192465723.html

Senate approves Oil and Gas Supervisor changes
<http://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/senate-approves-oil-and-gas-supervisor-changes>

Five Years Into Fracking Boom, One Pa. Town At A Turning Point
<http://www.npr.org/2013/01/14/169363299/five-years-into-fracking-boom-one-pa-town-at-a-turning-point>

Uranium Deposit Spurs Spat
Fight Over Safety of Nuclear Energy Heats Up as Virginia Weighs Mining Proposal
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324442304578232022469184786.html>

Energy Journal: King Coal Still Near Top of the Heap
<http://blogs.wsj.com/marketbeat/2013/01/15/energy-journal-king-coal-still-near-top-of-the-heap/>

Frontier Energy Buys Canary Wellhead
<http://blogs.wsj.com/deals/2013/01/14/frontier-energy-buys-canary-wellhead-further-s-oilfield-ma/?mod=MarketsMain>

2013 Outlook on Oil and Gas Sees Growth in Natural Gas Supply Outpacing Demand

Growth

<http://deloitte.wsj.com/cfo/2013/01/11/2013-outlook-on-oil-gas-sees-growth-in-natural-gas-supply-outpacing-demand/?KEYWORDS=+shale+gas>

Chevron poised to win shale gas exploration license in Lithuania

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/chevron-poised-to-win-shale-gas-exploration-license-in-lithuania/2013/01/15/880fd43a-5f25-11e2-9dc9-bca76dd777b8_story.html

MEIC releases rebuttal to University of Montana coal study

http://missoulian.com/news/local/meic-releases-rebuttal-to-university-of-montana-coal-study/article_3cf5c0de-5f40-11e2-96b2-0019bb2963f4.html

Groups say benefits from proposed Otter Creek coal mine overstated

<http://billingsgazette.com/#ixzz2I9ViE4cm>

ND lawmakers mulling tax exemption for natural gas

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/nd-lawmakers-mulling-tax-exemption-for-natural-gas/article_556e4618-5f63-11e2-905b-0019bb2963f4.html

ConocoPhillips selling some assets in North Dakota, Montana for \$1.05B

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/conocophillips-selling-some-assets-in-north-dakota-montana-for-b/article_b817cfec-5f4e-11e2-98c3-0019bb2963f4.html

Energy Summit mixes ideas, people and a little controversy from all over

http://www.sunad.com/index.php?tier=1&article_id=26965

Russia seeks full buyout of Uranium One

http://trib.com/business/energy/russia-seeks-full-buyout-of-uranium-one/article_995e957f-29a2-58aa-b73f-1c2d2931c5a4.html

Ultra Petroleum gifts \$2 million for University of Wyoming energy research

http://trib.com/business/energy/ultra-petroleum-gifts-million-for-university-of-wyoming-energy-research/article_8f814466-75fd-59bd-879e-8fa374bcff75.html

Senate gives initial approval for nuclear waste storage facility bill

<http://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/senate-gives-initial-approval-nuclear-waste-storage-facility-bill>

EPA Changed Course After Oil Company Protested

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=169481524>

1st Part of Offshore Wind Power Line Moves Ahead

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/15/business/energy-environment/an-offshore-wind-power-line-moves-ahead.html?ref=earth>

Mitsubishi Invests \$770m in German Offshore Wind

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/16/world/europe/ap-eu-germany-energy.html?scp=2&sq=%22renewable+energy%22&st=nyt>

Queen's Property Manager to Fund UK Wave, Tidal Energy Projects

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2013/01/16/business/16reuters-britain-marine-investment.html?scp=11&sq=%22renewable+energy%22&st=nyt>

Newport, Ore., to Host Wave Energy Test Site

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/15/us/ap-us-wave-energy-tests.html?scp=26&sq=environmental&st=nyt>

Troubled Calif. Nuke Plant Inches Toward Restart

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/15/us/ap-us-nuclear-plant-problems.html?scp=39&sq=environmental&st=nyt>

Mark Mills: California Could Be the Next Shale Boom State

Thanks to the Golden State's dire fiscal situation, don't be surprised if the governor were to proclaim: 'There will be oil.'

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323353204578128733463180210.html?KEYWORDS=oil+shale>

Foreigners Seized at Algerian Gas Field

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323468604578245310036330882.html>

Oil Futures Modestly Higher Before U.S. Inventory Data

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323468604578245592728308004.html>

Energy Journal: Is Iraq on the Brink Again?

<http://blogs.wsj.com/marketbeat/2013/01/16/energy-journal-is-iraq-on-the-brink-again/>

Shell CEO Scripts a Leading Role for Gas

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324595704578243592748811004.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Brent Pipeline Shut After Leak

<http://news.sky.com/story/1038776/brent-pipeline-shut-after-north-sea-oil-leak>

Green Energy's Baptists and Bootleggers

If Warren Buffett likes solar, it's not because the technology is cutting-edge.

http://online.wsj.com/article/business_world.html

AP Exclusive: EPA reversed course on tainted Texas water wells after gas company protested

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ap-exclusive-epa-reversed-course-on-tainted-texas-water-wells-after-gas-company-protested/2013/01/16/197a363c-5fb6-11e2-9dc9-bca76dd777b8_story.html

Thompson Divide drilling foes hope for boost from Salazar

<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20130117/VALLEYNEWS/130119910/1065&parentprofile=1074>

Letter: Fracking is an over-consumptive use of water

<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20130117/VALLEYNEWS/130119902/1021&parentprofile=1077>

CU Study: Oil and gas wells polluting Fort Collins' air

<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20130116/NEWS01/301160024/CU-Study-Oil-gas-wells-polluting-Fort-Collins-air>

City's authority on oil and reg regs remains unclear

<http://www.gazette.com/news/regulations-149796-city-oil.html>

Vestas adds outside work; Tower plant to rehire 100

http://www.chieftain.com/business/vestas-adds-outside-work-tower-plant-to-rehire/article_5c340e2e-5ffe-11e2-9854-0019bb2963f4.html

Otter Creek coal mine review just beginning

http://helenair.com/news/opinion/editorial/otter-creek-coal-mine-review-just-beginning/article_6ec63928-6043-11e2-8abd-0019bb2963f4.html

Gov. Mead 'disappointed' by new EPA Pavillion extension

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/mead-disappointed-by-new-epa-pavillion-extension/article_049682f4-82ff-5923-9ecd-f91cec8c10d5.html

Keep balanced approach to oil

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/opinion/editorial/keep-balanced-approach-to-oil/article_a9e266ce-6018-11e2-b2b1-0019bb2963f4.html

No coal gas in Kanab

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinion/55626481-82/energy-utah-kanab-plan.html.csp>

Wyoming House advances eminent domain moratorium on wind collector systems

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/wyoming-house-advances-eminent-domain-moratorium-on-wind-collector-systems/article_efba5df3-0a8b-51e5-ba5e-f90bce376ba2.html

Could Some Midwest Land Support New Biofuel Refineries?

<http://www.npr.org/2013/01/16/169538570/could-some-midwest-land-support-new-biofuel-refineries>

Interior Chief Salazar to Step Down; Obama Remakes Energy Team

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2013/01/16/us/politics/16reuters-usa-interior->

salazar.html?scp=10&sq=epa&st=nyt

Army's Largest Solar Array Dedicated in New Mexico

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/16/us/ap-us-army-solar-installation.html?scp=1&sq=%22renewable+energy%22&st=nyt>

Chevron Set to Win Lithuanian Shale Gas License

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2013/01/15/business/ap-eu-lithuania-shale-gas.html?scp=6&sq=fracking&st=nyt>

BP Says North America Shale Oil Boom Will Pressure OPEC

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323468604578245650412849768.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

China Still Rules BP's World

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323783704578245961023947332.html>

Letters Detail Objections to BP Settlement

Relatives of Deepwater Horizon Victims Seek Stiffer Penalty as Judge Weighs \$4.5 Billion Payment to Resolve Criminal Case

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323783704578246161417240862.html>

In Keystone XL debate, environmental group wants petcoke counted in impact statements

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/in-keystone-xl-debate-environmental-group-wants-petcoke-counted-in-impact-statements/2013/01/17/d6b45f0a-609e-11e2-b05a-605528f6b712_story.html

Former official to be sentenced for role at W.Va. coal mine where 2010 blast that killed 29

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/former-official-to-be-sentenced-for-role-at-wva-coal-mine-before-2010-blast-that-killed-29/2013/01/17/1546cd6a-609b-11e2-bc4f-1f06fffb7acf_story.html

International operator eyed to skirt sovereignty issue in Philippine gas exploration project

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/international-operator-eyed-to-skirt-sovereignty-issue-in-philippine-gas-exploration-project/2013/01/17/f961d284-609a-11e2-bc4f-1f06fffb7acf_story.html